Health propaganda work amongst the Depressed Classes.

184. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the number of villages or rural areas or colonies of the depressed classes visited by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer of the State during the years 1101, 1102, 1103 and 1104;

(2) whether he has been giving them lectures or instructions on subjects dealing with the sanitation and public health ;

(3) whether he has taken steps to ascertain the progress of health in the several village areas of the depressed classes; and if so, what steps ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) The Pulaya Colony in Chalakkudi and the Nayadi Colonies at Kunnamkulam and Palayannur in 1101 and 1102. Not visited after they were handed over to the Protector of the Depressed Classes.

(2) No.

(3) Not aware of any separate village areas of the depressed classes.

Police officers on traffic duty.

185. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government kindly state:—

(a) whether they are aware that the Police head constables and constables on traffic regulation duty in the towns of Ernakulam, Mattancheri and Trichur are in the habit of receiving tips from the owners of buses plying within the limits of these towns ;

(b) whether they have made any enquiries with regard to the truth of the fact mentioned in part (a), i. e., about Police head constables and constables receiving tips—and if they have, what is the result of the enquiry in this matter ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of paddy.

186. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the annual production of paddy in the State ;

(2) the approximate total consumption ;

(3) the period through which the paddy produced in the State will meet the requirements of the people ;

(4) the quantity of increase in the production, if any, during the last two years ;

(5) what arrangements are made to supply the wants ?

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